

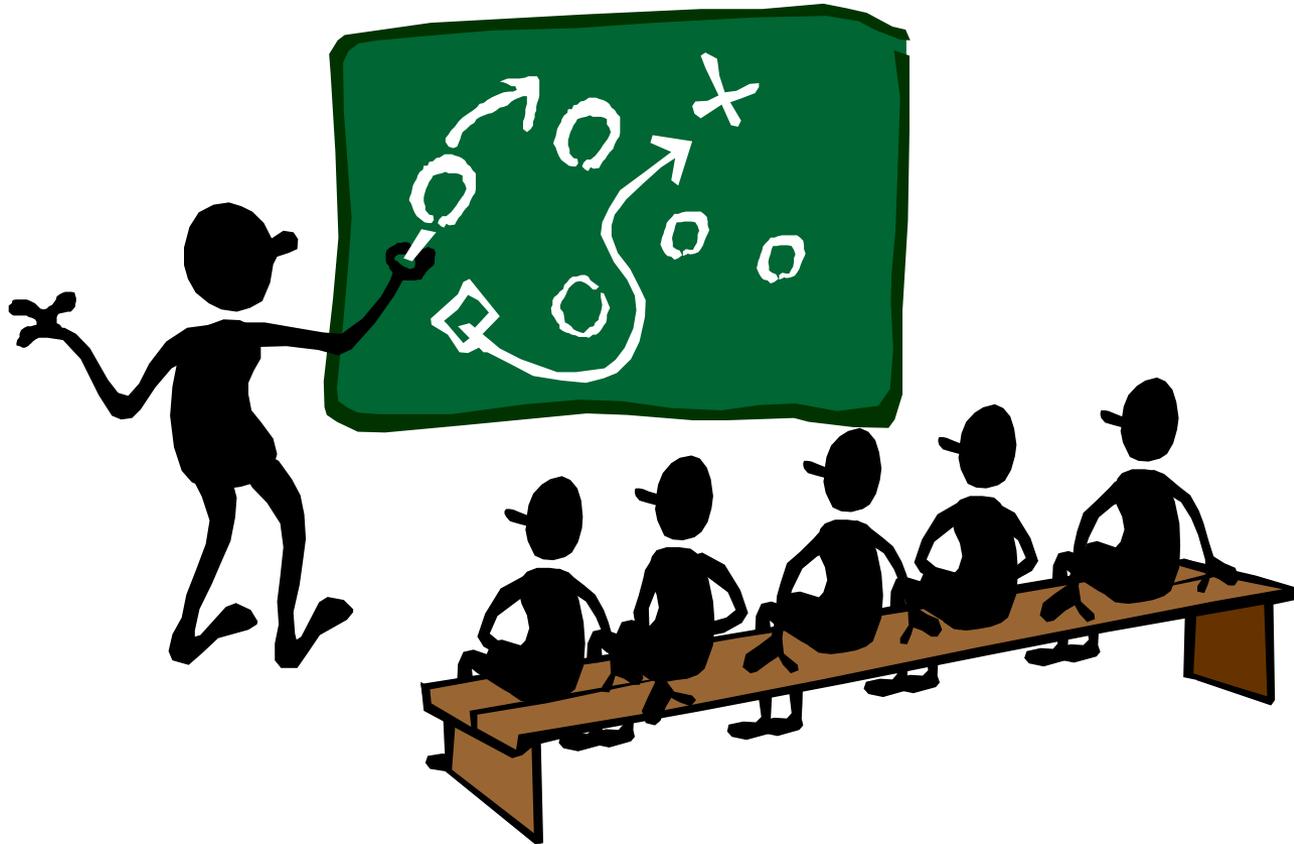


Engaging and Working with Diverse Populations

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Strategies for Engaging Youth



Adult Attitudes Toward Youth

- Youth as Objects - Adults know what is best for young people
 - Youth as Recipients – Adults have to help youth because they cannot make adult decisions
 - Youth as Partners – Adults respect youth's contributions
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Before Youth Can Fully Engage...

- Adults need to understand what youth bring to the partnership
 - Adults need to provide additional training and support when needed
 - Youth need to understand limitations that affect a program
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Ways to Work Together

- Conduct a needs assessment
 - Write a grant proposal
 - Raise funds
 - Design a program
 - Train new staff
 - Deliver services
 - Implement ideas and projects
 - Oversee a program
 - Collect data
 - Evaluate a program's effectiveness
 - Improve unsuccessful aspects of a program
 - Replicate successful programs
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